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POTATO DIGGER & SORTER

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO.
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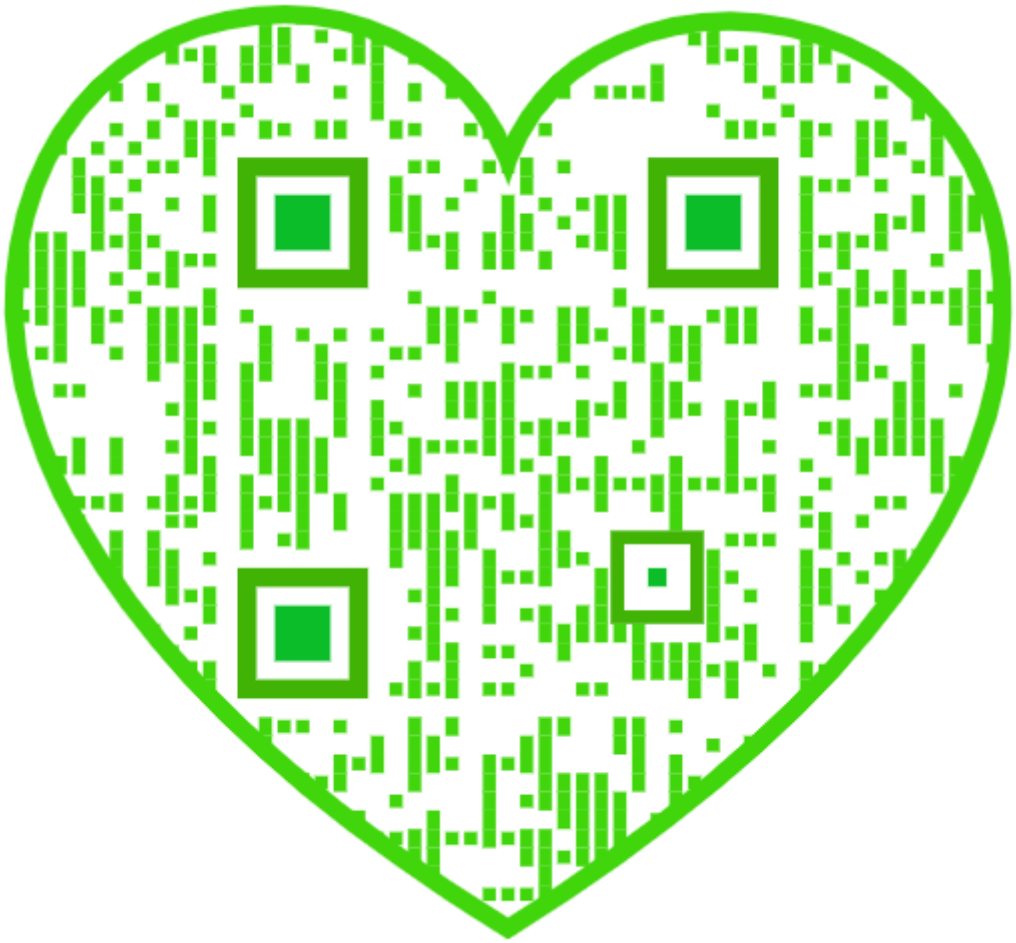

Greeting

WE desire at this time to thank our many friends for the liberal patronage extended to us in the past, and to all potato growers we extend a most hearty greeting and ask as a favor to yourself, as well as to us, that you read carefully on the following pages what we and others have to say about the "Hoover Digger," and then if you are interested enough to try one of our machines we will assure you that we will give you the best the market affords, and what all the leading potato growers of the country are using. Another thing we desire to call your attention to is that

WE SEND THE HOOVER POTATO DIGGER ON TRIAL,

as per our regular warranty, so you have a chance to try it in your own field. Could anything be fairer? The testimonials printed herein are not only *genuine* but *unsolicited* and are but a few of the hundreds we have to choose from.

We will pay $500.00 in gold to anyone proving that they are fraudulent or were sought for by us. The several views in the field show for themselves. Really the reputation and fame of our goods are such that it is hardly necessary to offer any testimony. Give the Digger a chance to prove its merits in the field and you will sound its praises longer and louder than we do.

It is especially gratifying to us to point to the fact that of the thousands of acres of potatoes grown in this (Erie) county annually there is not to exceed fifty acres dug with any other than the Hoover Digger. We point with pride to this home endorsement and the further fact that we have sold to Erie Co. (Ohio), farmers, Hoover Diggers as shown by the list of purchasers printed elsewhere in this little book.

If you are at all skeptical don't buy a digger on the strength of what we say, but rather on the evidence of superior merit it will show when at work in your own field, before your own eyes. That is all we ask. For a partial list of the great men and institutions using the Hoover, we refer you to the Hoover Card, which can be had for the asking.

Thanking you in advance for any favors you may show us, we are,

Your obedient servants,

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO.

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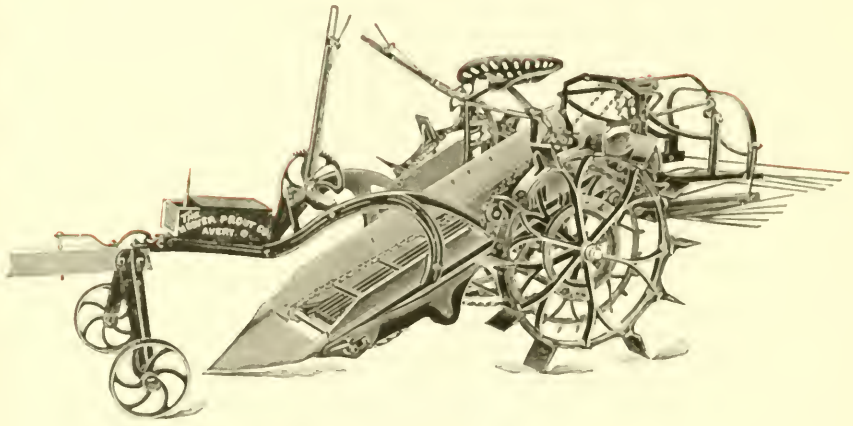
READY FOR THE FIELD.



AND STILL THE LIST GROWS.

HOW WE STAND AT HOME.

The gentlemen named below are purchasers of the Hoover Digger in our own little county of Erie, the smallest but one in the State of Ohio:

V. Fries 2, A. Wright 2, W. Hunsdorf 2, Peter Criss 2, A. W. Prout 2, F. Kelley, T. B. Taylor & Co. 2, A. Cowell 3, Geo. A. Ransom, J. H. Huffman 2, C. L. Holliday 2, H. Hahn, Levi Arnold 2, Weikle Bros. 2, A. G. Miller 2, Rau & Zorn, R. W. Rockwell 2, I. Chapin, John Starr 2, A. Magill, Sales & Willinger, J. W. Smith, G. D. Limbird, Chas. L. House 2, Fred Groves, C. W. Taylor & Son 2, Frank Kelley, C. Reed, J. W. Lyles 2, Himberger Bros. 2, F. Ohlemacher 2, Jos. Smith, C Scheuffler, P. Diehl 2, D. B. & J. W. Smith, C. W. Hawley, Henry Sprinckle 2, Thomas Bellmy 2, S. A. Lockwood 2, Geo. Bittner, Capt. Coulter, O. Mecker 2, E. Mixter 2, G. Sands 2, Henry Sprinckle, Jr., Geo. Parker, C. Stine, Peter Williams 2, Wm. Cole, Otzel & Shamp 2, Henry Streng, Chas. Drake, Morgan Bros. 3, C Schoeffle 2, C. Drum 2, Henry Holliday, Louis Schamp, C. Goodsite, John Kelly, Jos. Kromer 2, Henry Kuhl, Fred Sohl, Joseph Keller, Wm. Zorn, Jeffrey & Son, Wm. Rosekelly, Huttenlocher & Son, F. A. Akins, H. Hahn, Sr., Jacob Otto, Kromer Bros., A. Kolb, George Sage, Fred White, George Smith, H. M. Baker, Wm. Lander, M. Mixter, W. A. Squires, Theo. Washburn, Altvater & Prentice, Chas. Baum, John Bohn, W D. Everett, Henry Ferber, Chas. Kromer, J. & G. A. Perrin, John Rhinemiller, Wm. Rommell, S. M. Ray, Jno. Stiner, Chas. Strickfaden, Wm. Starr, A. A. Stoors, Fred Sweet, George Taylor, W. W Woolverton, D. Sayles, H. W. Rohrbacher, L. Greene, A. Brownell, Erie County Board of Infirmary Directors, Henry Baumhardt, H. J. Braunhardt, Aug. Heminger, Coon Keller, Sam Taylor, Will Fiden, Jno. Quail, Thos. Lundy, Geo. Harris, H. E. Sprinkle & Co., Ed. Shattock, L. C. Kishman, Aug. Kline, Gus Kromer, M. Puckrin, Milliman Bros., Louis Hartwick, Chas. Neill, J. Bixby, L. Roscoe, C. Sipp, F. A. Barrows, L. Schamp, J. Snyder, Martin Brod, Louis Keller, Wm. Beatty, Jas. Loos, A. W. Fischer, Lewis Taylor, Wm. Judson, Chas. Williams, Philip Conradi, G. A. Baum, Conrad Crol, Chas. Bailey, H J. Merthe, C. W. Taylor, Hiram Drake, Geo. Schwab, Joe Springer, Herman Crecelius, F. P. Schuee, M. W. Burdue, G. W. Chapin, Reidy Bros., Chas. Huffman. Total 183.

THE FACTS ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY DIGGER.

The Hoover Digger is the only one that successfully separates the potatoes from the vines and other foul matter, the potatoes being delivered behind the machine, in a narrow row, on clean ground, while the vines are carried to the left side, the upper set of rods doing this work, with the aid of the constantly moving forks. Growers should give this improvement great weight in buying a digger. Notice how the machine leaves the potatoes, as per field scenes on the following pages. The "Hoover" costs a little more than some others, but if you will examine it carefully and compare the work it does with that done by other machines you will not hesitate to pay the difference in price.

HOW IT IS DONE.

It will be noticed by the cut that the power is taken by a drive chain from the large sprocket wheel on either side and immediately transmitted to the shaft at the upper end of the elevator; this in turn sets the back rack in motion, also the forks.

THE LEVERS.

The forward lever, so convenient to the driver, regulates the depth, which is easily done while the machine is in motion, while the side lever regulates the position of the back rack.

OUR SHOVEL.

Is of special design and composition, which we unhesitatingly guarantee against stumps and stones. We have a special hinged shovel for stony land which is furnished when ordered

HOW ABOUT THE DRAFT?

We are sometimes asked: "How many horses are required to handle your digger?" and we answer, "Two," though the conditions of the ground and the depth necessary to dig are important factors in determining this. The draft has been greatly reduced so two horses can handle the machine under ordinary circumstances, but we guarantee the Digger against four horses; if that many are necessary, put them abreast. This is done where from five to eight acres are dug in a day. The machine is furnished with complete four-horse double and singletrees.

Digging 5 bushels per minute on the farm of J. W. Waldo, South Champion, N. Y.

THE BEARINGS.

The main shaft runs in dirt-proof reversible brass boxes, provided with 6-inch oil tubes. The drive wheels are furnished with hardened steel hubs, which practically does away with all wear on the main axle. All other bearings are made as near dirt-proof as possible, but when wear occurs can be very easily replaced with but slight expense.

NO SIDE-HILL SLIDING, ETC.

The Hoover is provided with SIDE-HILL SPURS, when so ordered, which prevent the Digger from "sliding" on hill-sides.

No contract work is done on these machines, but are built under the personal supervision of the inventor, thereby securing the greatest possible accuracy and perfection in every part.

When ordering kindly describe soil and lay of land fully, as we trim our Diggers for Loam, Marsh, Muck, Gravel and Stone, and for Side-Hill work. By doing this you will get a machine just suited to your conditions.

IMPROVEMENTS.

With the improvements put on during the past season the Hoover Digger is (without exception) the best one on the market. If you don't believe this just give us an opportunity to demonstrate the fact in your own field. All we ask is that you buy the one doing the best work. All of our Diggers are sent out under our regular guarantee and terms.

ABOUT THE WARRANTY.

Every machine is fully warranted, and satisfaction guaranteed, or no sale, whenever given a fair trial. We require references from parties who are unknown to us. Bank reference preferred.

TERMS

On three and nine months' time, with interest	$100 00
Cash after trial	100 00
Sorter and Sprouter combined	15 00

ON BOARD CARS, AVERY, OHIO.

WARRANTY.

We warrant the **Hoover Potato Digger** to be well made, of good materials, and with proper care and management is capable of doing first-class work. That the purchaser shall have one day to give it a fair trial, and if it should not work well, written notice, stating wherein it fails, is to be given to the agent from whom it is received, and to **The Hoover-Prout Co.,** Avery, Ohio, and a reasonable time allowed to get to it and remedy the defects, if any (the purchaser rendering necessary and friendly assistance), when, if it cannot be made to do good work, and the failure is due to a defect in the iron or construction of the machine, it shall be returned to the shipping station where received, and the purchaser shall not be required to settle for said machine. A failure to give such notice, or continued use of the machine, will denote ownership by said purchaser.

A field of potatoes grown by John S. Holmes, Holmdel, N. J. Yield 108 barrels per acre.

Much Pleased and Thanks for Promptness.

C. Z. GARDNER writes: S. SCHODACK, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1902.

Received your Potato Digger on the 21st inst., gave it a trial on the 23d, and will say that we were much pleased with it and want to thank you for the rapidity you used in getting it here, which is a great deal sooner than we expected it.

An Experience Worth Reading.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O. LEXINGTON, O., Jan. 18, 1902.

Gentlemen: We want to give you our experience with your Digger covering a period of fourteen years, with the exception of two years (1900 and 1901) when we were deluded with the notion we could get a lighter two-horse digger that would do the work as well as yours. We therefore bought, paying $60.00 for a —— —— digger, the best we believe of its class on the market to-day. We thought it did the work fairly well, seemingly getting the potatoes about all on the top of the ground. After digging over a nineteen-acre field we found, on preparing the ground and drilling to wheat a great many potatoes dragged out to the surface. On a little more than half the field we picked up of marketable potatoes twenty-seven bushels, with a good many cut. Not being quite satisfied we concluded to use it another year, after putting on it ourselves an important improvement for gauging the depth. We dug over an eight-acre field of fine potatoes but found we were leaving quite a good many in the ground. When done we thought we would run a single shovel through a few rows and the result was we dug the entire field over with the shovel plow and got 120 bushels of good potatoes, a good many injured by cutting however. This satisfied us and we shall hereafter use our Hoover, knowing that once going over gets all. The smaller two-horse diggers will not meet the varied conditions that are found in every field of potatoes at digging time. The separation of tops, trash and potatoes cannot be such as to leave all the potatoes on top of the ground in the best condition for picking up, as the Hoover does. The wear and tear on a man's legs and boot leather is too much, to say nothing of the time lost and the potatoes left in the ground to justify any potato grower buying any of the so-called perfect two-horse diggers of which we are acquainted. The Hoover is as near perfection as is possible to make a digger.

Very truly yours, J. H. PALM & SONS.

About Heavy, Stony Ground.

HON. J. H. BROWN writes: BATTLE CREEK, MICH., Nov. 12, 1902.

I dug 600 bushels of Carmen No. 3 potatoes in less than five hours work one day last week. How's that for the Hoover in heavy, stony ground?

Did More than was Claimed for It.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O. CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 10, 1902.

Gentlemen: Last season I purchased one of your Potato Diggers and now write to tell you how well pleased I am with it. When I purchased the machine I would have been satisfied with it had it done one-half of what you claim for it, but am pleased to say it has not only exceeded my expectations, but has done more than you claim for it. It does rapid, clean and effectual work. I write this in hope that it may assist not only you but my fellow farmers. Yours very truly,

F. A. PALMER, A. G. P. A., Wabash Railroad.

Well Suited.

S. W. BUTTERFIELD writes: PERKINSVILLE, VT., Nov. 21, 1902.

Enclosed find check to pay for the Potato Digger purchased of you. We are well suited with it.

View on the farm of H. Richardson, Turnby, Lincolnshire, England. See page 16.

The Only "Real Thing" to Dig Potatoes.

J. MONROE ANDERSON writes: OAKVILLE, IND., Sept. 12, 1902.

We have to have a few repairs, but the Hoover is the "real thing" to dig potatoes. It is the one digger in the field that is constructed on scientific principles. I have had mine twelve years, but have kept it up to date by adding all the new improvements and after digging thousands of bushels, from two to six every season, it will, with a few repairs, be as good as new.

Later: Owing to the wet season potatoes dug very hard this season. The ground was packed and altogether too wet when I dug mine, but the Hoover got there in great shape. Without it I would surely quit the potato business.

A Few Walcott, Iowa, Recommends.

TONY BRUSH says:

In regard to the Hoover Potato Digger, which I have bought of your agent, J. H. Strohbeen, must say that it has given excellent satisfaction, both to myself and neighbors. Also must say that it completely separates the potatoes from vines and weeds, discharging same in compact rows so as to be easily gathered. I have dug 700 bushels in seven hours, but it took eight men to pick them up. Buy a HOOVER and you will not regret it.

CHAS. HALLER writes:

I started the Hoover Digger, which I have purchased from your agent, J. H. Strohbeen, and as you no doubt know we have been having heavy rains and the soil was very heavy and wet, but must say the machine did its work in the finest shape, but of course the weight of the soil made heavy work for the team. It was about as severe a test as could be.

RICHARD SCHROEDER writes:

Having purchased a Hoover Digger will say that it has given me good satisfaction and will say it will always be a fixture on my farm. I am very much pleased with the machine and can recommend it highly.

A Fair Trial and Well Pleased.

JNO. L. THOMPSON writes: GOSHEN, N. J., Nov. 3, 1902.

I have given the Potato Digger a fair trial and am well pleased with it. After one season's trial I would not be without the HOOVER POTATO DIGGER.

Beats Them All.

JNO. L. CHAPMAN writes: TALLMADGE, O., Oct. 28, 1902.

The machine is doing splendid work and the neighbors keep me busy digging for them. They all say it beats any digger they ever saw. The —— —— Co. has one of their diggers in my neighborhood but they can do nothing with it when the ground is weedy and the rows full of grass, but I can walk right through any weeds or anything else.

Complete Work Done.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O. LEIPSIC, O., Oct. 10, 1902.

Gentlemen: Enclosed please find check for the Digger. Please give us credit for same and oblige. Will say it does the work complete and we are well pleased. Can dig from five to seven hundred bushels per day. Wishing you success and hoping we may be able to do more business in your line in the future, we are,

Yours respectfully, HUMMON IMPLEMENT CO.

347 bushels per acre of "Early Ohios," on the farm of Daniel T. Tuthill, Orient Point, N. Y.

Doing All Can Ask For.

CLAYTON C. TAYLOR writes: LAWTON STATION, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1902.

I presume you are interested in knowing how the machine is working. Am pleased to state that it is doing all can ask for. In fact I wonder how it can do as well as it does under such unfavorable conditions as we are using it in. I don't believe there is any other digger made that would be of any account where we are digging.

More Than Pleased.

D. C. MCINTYRE, Cascade, Wis.

Dear Sir: The Digger gave entire satisfaction. I was more than pleased with the work. I wrote an article to the Clintonville Tribune praising the merits of the Hoover Digger but it was not printed. I think it was because I did'nt patronize the home trade. This editor wants every one to patronize the home trade, but the home trade has nothing equal to the Hoover Digger. I hope you can make several sales in this vicinity next year. With best wishes to yourself, I remain,

Very respectfully, J. R. WILLIAMS.

(The above was sent us by Mr. McIntyre with the picture on page 15.)

"Gits Thar" with Less Backache.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O. ACACIA, ONT., CAN., Oct. 20, 1902.

Gentlemen: Machine arrived O. K. Have tried it and find it O. K. and the elevating apparatus out of sight when digging. We dug in loamy soil after a heavy thunder storm and it did its work perfectly, could ask for nothing better. My potatoes are in very deep but it puts every one on top. The many heavy rains we have had here makes the ground very clammy and the machine run heavy but it "gits thar" just the same. I ordered a ——— machine and tried it but it works no more like yours than a horse chestnut works like a chestnut horse. Yours with less backache, ROB'T W. DICK.

Behaved Handsomely.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O. PAW PAW, MICH.

Sirs: Your Digger came all right. I used it Tuesday and Wednesday and it was entirely satisfactory. I gave it as hard a trial as could well be given a digger and it behaved handsomly. Used it on wet muck and clay and where the vines literally covered the ground and it worked perfectly. The vine separator is a great benefit. Would not have a digger without. Respectfully, GEO. L. RICH.

All Pronounce it O. K.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O. MARION, O., Oct. 14, 1902.

Gentlemen: The Potato Digger I bought of you works to perfection I have had dozens of visitors to see it work, all pronounce it O. K.

Yours truly, W. H. UNCAPHER.

A Pleasure Indeed.

URIAH SLUSSER writes: LOUISVILLE, O., Oct. 12, 1902.

I had the pleasure to start the last Digger I received of you on last Thursday. I say the "pleasure" as I dug four and one-half acres in eight hours and done splendid work.

Keep Twelve Men Busy.

E. H. CURRIER writes: RIVER FALLS, WIS., Oct. 8, 1902.

My digger has just gone into the tool house after digging forty acres, 10,438 bushels by weight. Had crew of twelve men and they only waited for me once and that only fifteen minutes. Broke drive chain and wound around No. 119 and had to cut it off with cold chisel.

View on the farm of Hon. J. H. Brown, Battle Creek, Mich.

A Few Testimonials From Our Lapeer, Michigan, Agent.

SAMUEL SWAIN writes:

I bought one of your Potato Diggers this wet season. With one day's trial it worked so nicely I made up my mind I could not get my potatoes dug without it. I am glad we have such a good machine as the Hoover Digger. It handled stony ground complete.

WM. WEAVER writes:

The Hoover Digger is the best digger I ever saw. It dug potatoes clean and better than any digger made, to my mind. I can save more money with it than I can digging with men. I think the Hoover Potato Digger is the machine.

ROBERT KINE writes:

I started a Hoover Digger in my potato field and it worked splendid. I have dug thirty-five acres without any trouble whatever. It worked well with wet dirt and among stones. It soon got my potatoes out of the way this fall. I can't give the Hoover-Prout Co. thanks enough.

Light Draft and Cheap to Operate.

JNO. R. FERRIS says. RIO, WIS., Oct. 6, 1902.

I set up the Digger at Fall River one rainy day but did not see it work, but Saturday I got the first one you shipped me at work, and I was surprised to see what wonderful work it did in wet heavy clay ground. It seems to me that three horses could run it easier than four could the old machine. I got my digger of you nine years ago this fall and I have placed $10.00 worth of repairs on it and I think it is just as good as when I got it from you.

Would Not Be Without It.

JAY W. WALDO writes: SO. CHAMPION, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1902.

Enclosed find draft for Potato Digger. Would not be without it. Can dig five (5) bushels per minute. All I want is the help to pick them up and can dig a thousand bushels a day with ease. We had so much rain that it made it a little heavy digging, but it does the work just the same. I will send you a picture of our digging one day. It is not very good but will show you our farm. I had a nice showing one day but our picture man did not come and did not expect him when he did come but wanted a picture of the digger to show and so had one, but will make a better showing next time. Would be pleased to hear from you at any time and if I can do you any good would be pleased to do so. (See page 5.)

"Wouldn't Take $500 for It."

NORTH YAKIMA, WASH., Sept. 25, 1902.

MITCHELL, LEWIS & STAVER CO., Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen: I have used my Hoover Potato Digger two and one-half days now, and it does better work than I thought it possible for any digger to do under such circumstances, my ground being rocky and full of clods.

If I couldn't get another just like it, wouldn't take $500 for it.

Yours truly, E. V. TAYLOR.

Can't Be Beat.

ALBERT J. MILLER writes: GLEN, WIS., Oct. 3rd, 1902.

I have this day started the Potato Digger I got from you, and it does good work, can't be beat.

Weeds and Weather no Hindrance at Waterloo.

H. BURGESS writes: WATERLOO, N. Y., Oct. 3rd, 1902.

We have a hard time this fall, as it has been so wet that the weeds have got the start of us so that it is a wonder that the digger can dig them at all, but it does and does it good too.

On the farm of John R. Williams, Clintonville, Wis. See page 12.

Echoes From the Grand Rapids, Michigan, Fair.

ROCKFORD, MICHIGAN.

FRED CARLYLE writes:

I had a little tilt with an agent down to the fair. He was selling the————digger and had sold one to a man if it worked all right when tried. He told the man that it would do better work than the Hoover. The man came along to where I was and I tried to sell him one and he told me what the agent had said. I told him I would put up $5.00 if the other agent would and we would try them if he would buy the digger that did the best work. The other agent would not do that so I got the man to come down to my place yesterday and see the digger work in green potato tops. What do you think I done? I got his order for a digger. It was worth a dollar to make that agent back up. If we could have had one of these new diggers ten years ago could have sold them on the run.

A New Potato Digger.

We are enabled to reproduce on this page a picture of the Hoover Potato Digger, a recent American invention which has just been imported into this country, and is in use on the farm of Mr. Richardson, at Tumby, Lincolnshire. The special point of this digger is the clean manner in which it separates the potatoes from the hulme, the roots being delivered behind the machine in a narrow row on clean ground, while the vines are carried to the left side. The digger has so far proved eminently satisfactory. In the photograph, which was taken by Mr. L. Brown, of Coningsby, Lincolnshire, the digger is shown at work with four horses, but it can easily be worked by two fairly heavy animals.

(We took this clipping from the Nov. 21, 1902 issue of the "Farm, Field & Fireside," London, England.

Worth Five Hundred Dollars.

ALLIANCE, O., Sept. 30, 1902.

J. D. RANDOLPH writes:

We have used the Diggers that I ordered from you and find that they do excellent work. I would not take $500 for mine if I could not buy another one to replace it.

Well Satisfied with its Work.

RURAL RETREAT, VA., Sept. 27, 1902.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O.

Gentlemen: Enclosed find check in settlement for the Potato Digger. We wish to say that after testing the Digger we and our customers are well satisfied with its work. We dug in some very foul land and it took the potatoes out all right.

Very truly yours, TARTER BROS.

The Supervisor of Soo Township Says It's "All Right."

Nov. 11, 1902.

H. A. OSBORN of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. says:

The Potato Digger is all right. I forward you payment in full.

Worked Satisfactory.

BATAVIA, ILL., Sept. 17, 1902.

S. E. KEYES, Supt. Kane Co. Alma House writes:

Enclosed please find Chicago exchange, payment in full for Digger. We received same a few days ago, set it up and tried it to-day and it worked satisfactory.

Did Good Work.

SAGINAW, MICH., Sept. 23, 1902.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O.

Gentlemen: I tried your Digger and it did the work good and I am well pleased with it. Enclosed herewith you will find draft for same. Please send receipt, and oblige.

Yours truly, JAMES GEDDER.

150 barrels per acre, grown by J. H. Story, Freehold, N. J.

"One of the Finest Pieces of Machinery on the Farm."

MITCHELL, LEWIS & STAVER CO., Portland, Or. WARREN, OREGON, Oct. 8, 1902.

Gentlemen: Referring to the Hoover Potato Digger bought of you last year, will say that I had a good opportunity to try it this year and must say that I never saw a machine work more perfectly in my life. It put the vines all to one side and the potatoes behind the machine on top of the dirt, all clean and in good shape. I consider it one of the finest pieces of machinery we have on the farm.

Yours truly, H. H. CLARK, Manager W. C. Noon Farm.

Gives Perfect Satisfaction.

CHAS. A. FROST says: PORTLAND, MICH., Sept. 22, 1902.

The Digger purchased last year gives perfect satisfaction.

A Cheerful Settlement.

J. H. GIBBS writes: EDMORE, MICH., Sept. 17, 1902.

Enclosed find draft for Potato Digger. The machine is all right and I pay for it cheerfully. I think I can sell some here, but don't know. A great many farmers here have seen it work and pronounce it a complete success.

Improves with Use.

A. W. NORTHUP says: CULLEN, N. Y., Sept. 9th, 1902.

The Digger I bought of you works satisfactory in every respect. I am better pleased with it every day I use it.

Only Used Two Horses.

DEXTER, ONT., CAN., June 23rd, 1902.

MESSRS. GREER & KERR, Gore Bay, Ont., Can.

Sirs: Yours of June 7th just at hand. I enclose your envelope that you may see the cause of delay. It was mis-sent, although properly addressed.

As regards the Hoover Potato Digger would say that it is an excellent machine. Have dug with mine for the past ten years. It simply does the work perfect and is easy to handle. I always dig with one team. Of course you can put on two teams if you choose. I bought the digger for my own use (not to dig for others) but I probably have dug over one hundred acres for neighbors and get $2.00 per acre for digging. I have dug four acres in a day and fast enough to keep twelve men picking. The tops are separated from the potatoes and the potatoes are left in a neat narrow row on the surface. In regard to the digger working on stony ground, would say that I have had no experience on that kind of land, but see no reason why it will not work on any kind of soil you can plow with an ordinary plow. I have no hesitation in saying you can rely on The Hoover-Prout Co.'s guarantee as to what the digger will do. All potato growers here admit that other machines are not much use in comparison to the "Hoover," in fact the comparison in my estimation would be as 5 is to 500 in favor of the "Hoover." In regard to repairs, would say that they are cheaper after paying freight and duty than our own Canadian goods of same value. I am not an agent for the Hoover Digger or anything else and have no more interest in it than yourself.

Yours respectfully, F. A. JOHNSON.

(The above letter was written by Mr. Johnson in answer to an inquiry.)

Is Just The Thing.

GLENN MCCRORY writes: IOWA CITY, IA., Nov. 3, 1902.

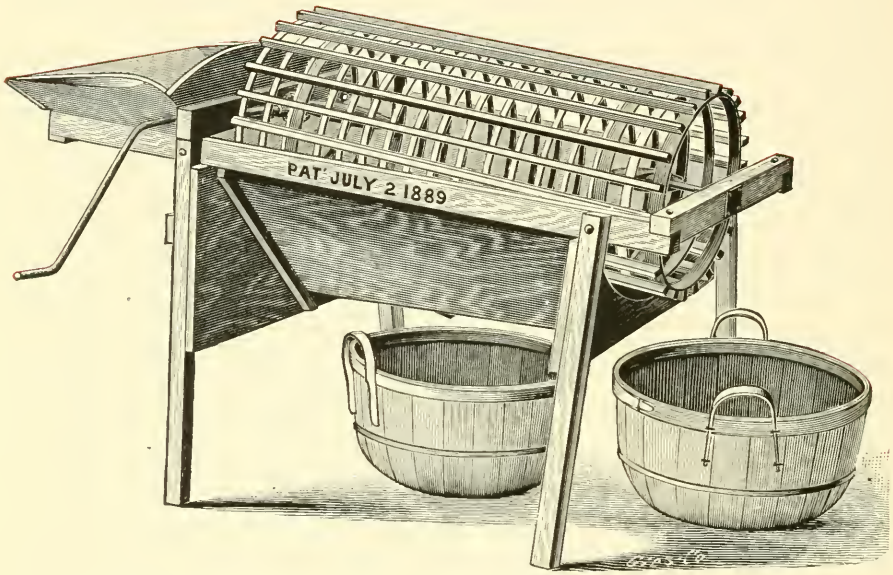
Enclosed find draft on Chicago in payment for the Potato Sorter. Have given it a fair trial and think it is just the thing.

THE HOOVER-PROUT CO., Avery, O. BROWNHELM, O., Jan. 11, 1902.

Dear Sirs: I received the Potato Sorter all right and it works finely. Enclosed you will find money order for payment. Yours truly, ED. SHATTUCK.

The Hoover digging potatoes and artichokes in ragweed and grass on the farm of Frank B. Rine, Lewisburg, Pa. On the strength of the excellent work done two Diggers were sold.

HOOVER POTATO SORTER



The above cut represents the ***Hoover Potato Sorter***. You will notice at once that it's "just the thing." "Wonder some one hasn't thought of it before." Well here it is NOW, and at a price within the reach of all. With this machine, which weighs less than 100 pounds, two men and a boy can sort and put in the wagon from 80 to 100 bushels an hour. It can be operated by one person if necessary. As you see, the potatoes pass from the hopper into the cylinder, which should be turned very slow by a lazy boy, and if he has got the "spring fever" so much the better. Have him pick out the decayed or scabby potatoes as they pass through the hopper, otherwise he will want to go to sleep. If the potatoes need sprouting, raise the lower end of the machine or turn the cylinder half way over, and then back, or both. The small potatoes, dirt, straw, etc., will fall under the Sorter into the basket, while the merchantable ones will be delivered into baskets as shown, or they may be run on an incline into the cellar. To sort seed potatoes from the small ones, just wind the cylinder with binder twine the proper mesh, and the result will surprise you. We could give you hundreds of testimonials, but the machine does its own testifying. The Sorter will be sent on trial to any point east of the Rocky Mountains, to responsible parties.

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